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**Native American**  
**Dropout Prevention**  
**Initiative (NADPI)**



## NADPI - Native American Dropout Prevention Initiative

The Arizona Department of Education was awarded a three-year, \$1.8 million grant for the Native American Dropout Prevention Initiative (NADPI).



The grant initiative will result in a national dropout prevention model addressing the chronically high dropout rates and low high school completion rates among American Indian students statewide.

NADPI funds are allocated toward the cost of implementing prescribed program elements and activities through partnership with the Whiteriver Unified School District and the San Carlos Unified School Districts.

To achieve the project objectives, the Arizona Department of Education will collaborate with the White Mountain and San Carlos Apache Tribes; other state Reservation-based public school districts; tribal leaders; youth and tribal community members; colleges and universities; and state and tribal social and behavioral health agencies serving American Indians.



### School and Community Strategies for Achieving Project Goals

Institute school organizational reform through use of culturally appropriate curriculum, instruction, and assessment materials.

Create statewide Native American Dropout Prevention Workgroup

Create a Youth Leadership Group

Implement a Social Marketing Campaign to unify a vision of academic success within the schools and communities.

Create Tribal Community Advisory Councils

Conduct a one-day Native American Education Summit for Apache leaders and educators

Create an Attendance Team to monitor school attendance

Create and facilitate Parenting Skills Workshops

Create and implement Teen Parent Support Group.

Implement mentoring and tutoring services

Develop a 5-year graduation plan for 9th graders

Develop Individual Performance Plans for 8th graders.

Provide culturally appropriate training for non-native teachers on Apache culture and social norms

### Project Objectives for Whiteriver USD and San Carlos USD

Decrease school dropout rates by 3%

Increase daily school attendance each year by 20%

Increase youth re-entry and graduation rates by 15%

Increase year-to-year retention rates by 15%

Improve school staff skills in assessment of at-risk students

85% completion of Individual Performance Plan by 8th grade students each year

75% completion of "five year education/career plan" by 9th grade students each year

Demonstrated improvement in AIMS test scores

